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## IN THE CLAIMS

## 1-21. (Cancelled)

- 22. (Currently Amended) A synthetic resin pallet, for use with a fork lift, having upper and lower decks spaced apart by a plurality of supports to define therebetween fork-receiving regions beneath the upper deck, the pallet made by a method comprising:
  - (a) separately molding the upper and lower decks of synthetic resin;
- (b) mechanically scuffing a top surface of the upper deck, a bottom surface of the lower deck, and an underside of the upper deck in the fork-receiving regions to create scuffs forming a slip-resistant scuffed texture thereon; and
  - (c) assembling the decks to form a finished pallet.
- 23. (Previously Presented) The pallet according to claim 22 wherein scuffing comprises scuffing said surfaces to create a multi-directional scuffing pattern.
- 24. (Previously Presented) The pallet according to claim 22 wherein scuffing comprises brushing said surfaces with at least one wire brush.
- 25. (Previously Presented) The pallet according to claim 22 wherein scuffing includes brushing said surfaces with at least one cup-shaped wire brush.
- 26. (Previously Presented) A plastic pallet adapted for use with a fork member of a lift device, the plastic pallet including a first deck and a second deck spaced apart from each other by a plurality of support members extending therebetween and defining fork-receiving regions, the pallet prepared by a method comprising:

providing the first deck and the second deck separately from each other, scuffing an outer surface of the first deck and an inner surface of the first deck in the fork-receiving regions to define a plurality of slip-resistance scuffed surfaces; and assembling the first deck and the second deck to define the plastic pallet.